

REMARKS

Claims 1-22, as amended, remain herein.

1. Claims 1, 6, 7 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Lebeau U.S. Patent 5,870,626.

Lebeau discloses an interface 20 for linking several apparatuses 1-4 to computers 18 and 19. Interface 20 is made up of apparatus channel processors 9-12, central processor 13, and computer channel processors 14 and 15. Channel processors communicate with apparatuses 1-4. Computer channel processors 14 and 15 communicate with computers 18 and 19. Central processor 13 stores a library of programs for converting protocols, see col. 2, lines 53-67. The central processor 13 can send channel processors 9-12, 14, and 15 the conversion protocols stored in central processor 13 to facilitate communication between apparatuses 1-4 and computers 18 and 19. Lebeau only discloses that the conversion protocols are stored in interface 20. Lebeau does not disclose that these conversion protocols are stored anywhere but on interface 20. By failing to disclose that the conversion protocols could be stored on computers 18 and 19 and then downloaded onto interface 20, Lebeau fails to disclose all elements of applicants' claims. Lebeau does not disclose "initialization means for requesting a download into the first memory of a conversion program stored on a higher level equipment" as claimed by the applicants. Lebeau therefore also does not disclose "download means for downloading

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to the adapter for storage in the first memory the conversion program stored on the higher level equipment” as claimed by the applicants.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Lebeau does not disclose all elements of applicants’ claimed invention and therefore is not a proper basis for a §102 rejection thereof. Nor is there any disclosure or teaching in Lebeau which would have suggested applicants’ claimed invention. Thus reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection, and allowance of all claims 1, 6, 7 and 19 are respectfully requested.

2. Claims 2-5, 8-18, and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Lebeau U.S. Patent 5,870,626.

Claims 2-5 and 8-18, which depend on claim 1, and claims 20-22 which depend on claim 19, are allowable for the same reasons explained above herein for claims 1 and 19.

For the foregoing reasons, Lebeau does not teach or suggest anything that would have led one of ordinary skill in the art to applicants’ claimed invention. Nor is there any disclosure or teaching in Lebeau that would have suggested the desirability of modifying any portions thereof to anticipate or suggest applicants’ presently claimed invention. Thus reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection, and allowance of all claims 2-5, 8-18, and 20-22 are respectfully requested.

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Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28954.2010). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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